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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5, OF THE CONVENTION, OF 11 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 15 APRIL 1992

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General, in compliance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, invited the States parties to the Convention to submit nominations, by 16 November 1991, for the election of 11 members to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The 11 nominations that were received by that date were published in document CEDAW/SP/1992/2. Five additional nominations were published in document CEDAW/SP/1992/3/Add.1. The Secretary-General has now received three additional nominations, as follows:

Désiree P. Bernard	Guyana
Esnath J. Kalyati	Malawi
Jana Ryšlinkovà	Czechoslovakia

2. Biographical data concerning the above-mentioned candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are annexed hereto.

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Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
(These biographies have not been edited.)

Désiree Patricia Bernard (Guyana)

Original: English

2 March 1939	Date of birth
1950-1957	Attended Bishop's high school, Georgetown, Guyana.
1963	LL.8, (Hons.) (Lond.), University of London.
1964	Solicitors final examination of Law Society of England.
1965	Admitted to practice in High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana.
1965	Joined law firm of Cameron and Shepherd solicitors, Guyana.
1967	Established own law practice.
1967-1972	Elected president, Georgetown Toastmistress Club.
1968	Elected secretary, Law Society of Guyana.
1970	Member of Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations.
	Acted as magistrate for five months, Juvenile Court and Maintenance Court.
1970-1974	Elected first secretary Caribbean Women's Association (CARIWA); at present resource person of CARIWA.
1971	Founder member of Guyana Consumers' Association, assisted in formation which arose out of CARIWA.
1971-1981	Member of the Caribbean Council of Legal Education.
	Also member of the Executive Committee of the Council which administers legal education in the Caribbean.
1972	Elected member of the Conference on the Affairs and Status of Women in Guyana (founder member) (assisted in drafting the Constitution).

1972	Elected president, Law Society of Guyana.
	Nominated member of the Council of the University of Guyana; still serving as a member.
	Nominated member of the Adoption of Children Board and later Deputy Chairman of the Board.
1972-1979	Member of Disciplinary Committee for Legal Practitioners Committee which considers complaints from members of the public against legal practitioners and makes recommendations on disciplinary action.
1975	Attended Conference of Women Lawyers of the Caribbean and Latin America in Airlie, Virginia, United States.
	Attended International Women's Year Conference in Mexico.
	Member of Board of Directors of Guyana Legal Aid Centre; also member of Caribbean Legal Aid Committee.
	Gave voluntary service to Guyana Legal Aid Centre.
1978	Member of Caribbean Task Force on Abortion.
	Has written and delivered several papers and given radio talks on legal status of women and children in Guyana and the Caribbean.
1975-1980	Nominated alternate member of Labour Code Commission.
1976	Appointed Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public.
1976-1978	President of Organization of Commonwealth Bar Association.
	Elected first and only woman President.
1976	Made honorary member of Canadian Bar Association (still member).
	Country Vice-President, member of International Federation of Women Lawyers.
	Member of Income Tax Board of Review.
1977	Admitted to Roll of Solicitors in England.
1979	Chairman of Legislation Committee of Guyana Commission for International Year of the Child.
1980	Attended Mid-Decade Conference of Women in Copenhagen, Denmark, as a resource person for the Non-Governmental Forum.

1980	Appointed first woman Judge of the High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana.
1981	Appointed Chairman of Committee to give effect to articles in the Guyana Constitution abolishing discrimination against women and distinction between children born in and out of wedlock - Status of Children (Removal of Discrimination) Act, 1983; passed as a result of Committee's Report.
1982	Appointed member of Judicial Service Commission (first and only woman) /still serving).
1982	Appointed member of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and elected Rapporteur of Committee.
1984	Re-elected to Committee, securing 49 out of 53 votes from United Nations States Parties. Only Caribbean representative on the Committee.
1985	Elected Chairman of United Nations Committee (CEDAW).
1987	Re-elected Chairman of United Nations Committee (CEDAW) and still serving.
February 1985	Awarded Cacique's Crown of Honour, third highest national award of Guyana for outstanding contribution in improvement of status of women.
July 1985	Attended End-of-Decade Conference at Nairobi, Kenya, to present report of CEDAW as its contribution to World Conference.
1987	Elected President of Guyana Association of Women Lawyers.
1987	Elected President of All-Guyana Netball Association.
	Attended conferences concerned with women's rights and legal status of women.
1988	Re-elected member of U.N. Committee (CEDAW).
1988	Visited Japan as Chairman of CEDAW and met women's groups including members of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Women's Affairs.
1989	Received award from Women's Unit of University of Guyana for outstanding contribution in the field of law.
1989	Visited China and met with members of the All-China Women's Federation.
1989	Elected vice-president of Bishop's High School Old Students Association - alma mater.

1990	Attended ninth Commonwealth Law Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, and presented the keynote paper on "Violence and the Family" as well as a paper on "The Domestic Application of International Human Rights Norms as it affects Women".
	Has written several articles and papers as well as given lectures on the legal rights of women and children.
1991	Participated as one of five judges at The World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet in Miami, Florida, USA.

Esnath J. Kalyati (Malawi)

Original: English

NATIONALITY	MALAWIAN
MARITAL STATUS	MARRIED (TWO CHILDREN)
ADDRESS	MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, PRIVATE BAG 330, LILONGWE 3, MALAWI

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Science (Econ.)	Cardiff university College, Wales, U.K. 1976
Post-graduate Diploma	Applied Social Science, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, U.K. 1970
	Letter of Recognition in Child Development, Home Office, London, 1970
Diploma	Social Policy and Development, Swansea University College, Wales, U.K. 1969
Certificate	Public Sector Management, Government of Malawi and Royal Institute of Public Administration 1981
Certificate	Management Development Programme Irish Management Institute 1987
	Certificate of Recognition for completion of Study Tour in Public Administration. University of South Carolina. USA 1989

WORK EXPERIENCE

1970 - 1974	Social Welfare Officer-in-Charge of Family and Child Welfare

1976 - 1978	Senior Social Welfare Officer in the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare
1978 - 1979	Principal Social Welfare Officer in the Ministry of Social Welfare
1979 - 1983	Head of Social Welfare Services in the Ministry of Community Services
1984 - 1985	Deputy Secretary - Ministry of Community Services
1986	Principal Secretary - Ministry of Community Services
	Current Chairperson of National Commission of Women in Development in Malawi

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

	Have represented the Government on various conferences, workshops and seminars within my profession and other related development areas like
1979 - 1981	Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly 34th and 36th Sessions
1980	Leader of Malawi Delegation to the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, Copenhagen, Denmark
1980 - 1982	Rapporteur of the ECA Sub-regional Committee on Women in Development for Eastern and Southern Africa
1985	Deputy Leader of the Malawi Delegation to the World
	Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, Nairobi, Kenya
1985 - 1986	Chairperson of the ECA Sub-regional Committee on Women in Development for Eastern and Southern Africa

WRITTEN WORK

1976	Traditional and Modern Patterns of Welfare in Malawi, M.Sc (Thesis) Published
1970	Socialization and Development Children in Institutions (Unpublished)

INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Advisor, Malawi Council of Social Services

Treasurer, Malawi Against Polio (MAP) Lilongwe Branch

Committee member of Friends of Kamuzu Central Hospital

Committee Member of Central Region Fund Raising Committee of Malawi Council for the Handicapped

A Member of National Steering Committee of Chitukuko Cha Amayi M'Malawi (C.C.A.M.)

A Member of Trustee Board of Malawi Mudzi Fund.

A Member of Trustee Board of National Business

Association of Women in Malawi

Jana Ryšlinkovà (Czechoslovakia)

Original: English

Born on the 10th May 1951, single

Knowledge of languages:

French, English, German, Russian/attended French grammar school

1967-70 Baccalaureate studies at Lycée C. Debussy, France

1975 Graduated at the Mathematical-Physical Faculty of the Charles University in Prague

1975-78 Assistant at the Technical University /CVUT/ in Prague

1978-81 Scientific work in mathematics at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences

1981-86 Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Philosophical Institute, Mathematical Institute and other departments

1986-89 Lecturer in mathematics, 1 year in England, 1 semester in France

In November 1989, she became speaker for the Civil Forum. In the middle of 1990 she was elected representative to the Czech National Council and since then she has been active in politics. As representative she is in permanent contact with problems of women and the family. Her political position requires her to deal with various practical questions in this field. She participated in drafting the principles of the Czechoslovak Federal Government's policy in the field of the rights of women. Opening of the Czechoslovak Zonta organization, participated at the International Conference on women rights at Stirin/ organized by IEWSS, New York.